

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 25, 2003

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FROM: **ROBERT L. McKERNAN**, Director
County Museums

SUBJECT: **AGREEMENT WITH DESERT ELITE FOR PALEONTOLOGIC SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve agreement with Desert Elite of LaQuinta, California, whereby the San Bernardino County Museum will provide paleontologic services to Desert Elite between February 25, 2003-June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$1,152 relating to a future housing development, Rancho Santana, in the City of LaQuinta, Riverside County, California.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Desert Elite has requested that the Museum serve as the principal consultant in connection with a paleontologic assessment program for Rancho Santana, approximately 80 acres to be annexed into the City of LaQuinta in Riverside County, California. The scope of work includes a paleontologic resource assessment and records search using the Regional Paleontologic Locality Inventory. Desert Elite requires these services to comply with applicable laws and regulations, and the Museum has the necessary expertise and experience to provide services through its Geological Sciences Division.

Under the terms of the agreement, Museum staff will provide services as indicated and a letter report of findings following the assessment. Project costs are based on Board approved labor rates plus all related expenses.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This agreement has been approved as to legal form by County Counsel (Scott M. Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on February 12, 2003 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst) on February 14, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The Museum included sufficient appropriations in its current budget to fund the anticipated costs from this agreement. The Department will be compensated for its services at the rates set forth in County Code Section 16.0218. The revenue to be generated from this item (\$1,152) will more than offset the Museum's anticipated costs.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Robert L.. McKernan, 798-5719

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